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December 11, 2012

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

34 December 11, 2012

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TWO GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO REPLACE MISSING PARKWAY TREES
AND ENHANCE THE URBAN FOREST IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF
ATHENS, EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, HAWTHORNE, LA RAMBLA,
LADERA HEIGHTS, LENNOX, ROSEWOOD, VIEW PARK-WINDSOR HILLS, WEST CARSON,
WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, AND WILLOWBROOK
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit two grant applications for an amount up to \$150,000 each to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. The grants will be used to fund the replacement of fallen and missing parkway trees and for planting parkway trees to further green the landscape and enhance the urban forest in the unincorporated communities of Athens, East Rancho Dominguez, Florence-Firestone, Hawthorne, La Rambla, Ladera Heights, Lennox, Rosewood, View Park-Windsor Hills, West Carson, West Rancho Dominguez, and Willowbrook.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Adopt the resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit two grant applications for an amount up to \$150,000 each to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for tree planting services in the unincorporated communities of Athens, East Rancho Dominguez, Florence-Firestone, Hawthorne, La Rambla, Ladera Heights, Lennox, Rosewood, View Park-Windsor Hills, West Carson, West Rancho Dominguez, and Willowbrook.

2. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to conduct business with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, including all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and so forth that may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects. Amendments may include extensions of time; minor changes in project scope; alterations in the project budget or grant amount of up to 10 percent, subject to approval of such documents by County Counsel; and requests for reimbursement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Department of Public Works to apply for grant funding from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the replacement of fallen and missing parkway trees and for planting parkway trees to further green the landscape and enhance the urban forest in the unincorporated communities of Athens, East Rancho Dominguez, Florence-Firestone, Hawthorne, ~~La Rambla~~, Ladera Heights, Lennox, Rosewood, View Park-Windsor Hills, West Carson, West Rancho Dominguez, and Willowbrook.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The grants will provide external funding sources and improved infrastructure, enhancing the quality of life in these 12 unincorporated communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated cost for replacement of fallen and missing parkway trees and for planting parkway trees to further green the landscape and enhance the urban forest in the unincorporated communities of Athens, East Rancho Dominguez, Florence-Firestone, Hawthorne, ~~La Rambla~~, Ladera Heights, Lennox, Rosewood, View Park-Windsor Hills, West Carson, West Rancho Dominguez, and Willowbrook is \$300,000. The tree planting contract will be awarded upon grant approval and the Road Fund will be reimbursed for the project costs up to \$300,000. Financing for these projects is included in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996, the people of the County of Los Angeles enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection, which among other uses provide funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation. The Propositions also created the District to administer said funds and set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions.

In order to replace missing parkway trees and to enhance the urban forest, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas has offered a total of \$750,000 from the Second Supervisorial District Excess Funds made available by the Propositions for a competitive Tree Planting Grant Program in the Second

Supervisory District. The Program requires a resolution from the governing body of the applicant agency or nonprofit organization authorizing the application for funds. Enclosed is the resolution authorizing Public Works to submit two grant applications.

Public Works is working with the Los Angeles Conservation Corporation to assist with tree planting and maintenance.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15304(b) of the CEQA guidelines and Class 4(c) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for new landscaping.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The grants will supplement the County's Parkway Tree Program with additional funding to plant parkway trees in the unincorporated communities of Athens, East Rancho Dominguez, Florence-Firestone, Hawthorne, La Rambla, Ladera Heights, Lennox, Rosewood, View Park-Windsor Hills, West Carson, West Rancho Dominguez, and Willowbrook.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter and the signed resolution to the Department of Public Works, Road Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office(RitaRobinson)
County Counsel Executive Office
Los Angeles County Regional Park
and Open Space District (Joe
Mendoza)

REVISED
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR TREE PLANTING GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR THE ~~FIRST~~ SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996, enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (hereinafter referred to as "PROPOSITIONS"), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the PROPOSITIONS also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (hereinafter referred to as "DISTRICT") to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT'S procedures require the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (hereinafter referred to as "PUBLIC WORKS") to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that PUBLIC WORKS must comply with; and

WHEREAS, PUBLIC WORKS will enter into an Agreement with the DISTRICT to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

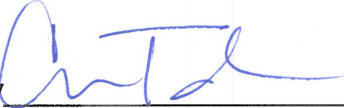
1. Approves the filing of two applications with the DISTRICT for the ~~First~~ Second Supervisorial District Excess Funds for the Tree Planting projects for the Athens, East Rancho Dominguez, Florence-Firestone, Hawthorne, ~~La Rambla~~, Ladera Heights, Lennox, Rosewood, View Park-Windsor Hills, West Carson, West Rancho Dominguez, and Willowbrook areas; and
2. Certifies that PUBLIC WORKS understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that PUBLIC WORKS has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects in perpetuity; and

4. Appoints the Director of Public Works or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 11th day of Dec 2012, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities, for which said Board so acts.

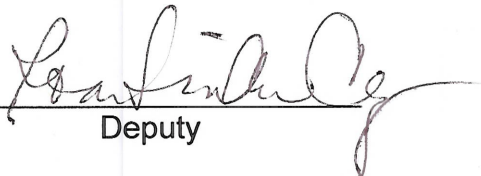


SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
County Counsel

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